

# DIY BEE HOTEL

Providing solitary wild bees with a safe place to nest is a great way to increase biodiversity and the overall health of your garden.

Here's some tips on how to build your own:



Fit canes and natural materials tightly together in a frame to make your bee hotel homely. Solitary bees like to lay their eggs in hollow spaces.



Position your bee hotel towards the sun to keep it warm and dry. This encourages healthy larvae growth and will help with their first flight out.



Create a variety of shaped holes for different species of bee. Use untreated, reclaimed materials that are fit for outdoor use and all weathers.



Leave your hotel propped on the ground as many species naturally nest here. Don't expect honey - the bees using your hotel are pollinators only.

Planting flowers for bees, not using pesticides, and making a bee hotel are easy ways to preserve our local fauna and flora.